(ii) the qualifications of each;

(iii) the period of practical experience in Motor Engineering each had at the time of applying; and

(iv) whether at the time of applying, they held any substantive appointment in the State service, and, if so, where and as what?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*f*) A list* of persons now doing duty as examiners of motor buses with their qualifications is laid on the table. It will be seen that there are now 14 examiners, of whom 11 are officials and 3 are non-officials. The official examiners were selected on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer and the non-officials on the recommendation of Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield, Quilon, Darragh Smail and Company, Alleppey, and the Motor Transport Aerial Ropeway Company, Kottayam. A proposal is under consideration to replace these examiners by duly qualified Traffic Inspectors.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, parts (*c*), (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) of my question are not answered.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Because the whole arrangement is going to be changed, all the information that is available is placed before the House.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): But there is no answer to the parts mentioned above. I wanted information on points raised in (*c*), (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) and it is not given.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The parts are not specifically answered; but the whole information available is placed before the House.

Maintenance of the Road from the 5th mile of the K. K. Road to Tenganal.

72. **MR. T. J. MATTHEW** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any provision was made in the budget for 1101 for the maintenance of the road from the 5th mile of the K. K. Road to Tenganal;

(*b*) if so, whether any and what amount has been spent for the purpose;

(*c*) whether any provision has been made in the budget for 1102 for the maintenance of the road;

(*d*) whether any responsible officer of the Public Works Department has seen this road in 1101 or 1102; and

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that the condition of this road, particularly of the portion beyond the 3rd mile, Eramallur, is miserable?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 632.

* *Vide* Appendix IV—page 228.

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[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*c*) Yes. The rate of grant for the maintenance of the road has been doubled from this year onwards.

(*d*) Both the Division and the Sub-Division Officers, besides the Section Officer, have inspected the road.

(*e*) The road is reported to be in a good condition and fit for cart traffic, except at the Putupalli embankment where special repairs of the flood damages are in progress at present.

(The President arrived at 12-27 P. M. and took the Chair.)

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): With reference to the anwer to part (*c*) of the question, may I know what is the total amount of allotment for the maintenance of a mile of the road?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Rs. 100 per mile. Recently it has been raised from Rs. 50 to Rs. 100.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): With regard to part (*c*), may I know when the special repairs to the embankment were undertaken?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The work is to be finished by this year.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): May I know whether the work has actually been begun?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say whether the work has actually been begun; but there is a provision of Rs. 1,000 for the work.

Kanjirapalli-Erattupetta Road.

73. **MR. T. J. MATTHEW** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Kanjirapalli-Erattupetta road is fit for cart traffic;

(*b*) whether any repair work was done on this road in 1100 or 1101; and

(*c*) whether they will consider if this road cannot be metalled?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes; the maintenance grant for the road has been raised to Rs. 160 per mile from 1101 onwards.

(*c*) Four miles of the road have already been metalled; the improvement and metalling of the whole road is receiving consideration.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*), *viz.*, "Four miles of the road have already been metalled; the improvement and metalling of the whole road is receiving consideration", may I know when these four miles were metalled?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not able to say exactly in what year the metalling was done. They are metalled roads now.

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